

A TELEVISION BOOK OF YOO-HOO



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YOO HOO

Once upon a time there was a herd of elephants. They lived in the middle of a big jungle. They loved to stand in the river and take shower baths and splash around in the cool water.



JOHN MARTIN'S HOUSE

KENOSHA, WISCONSIN



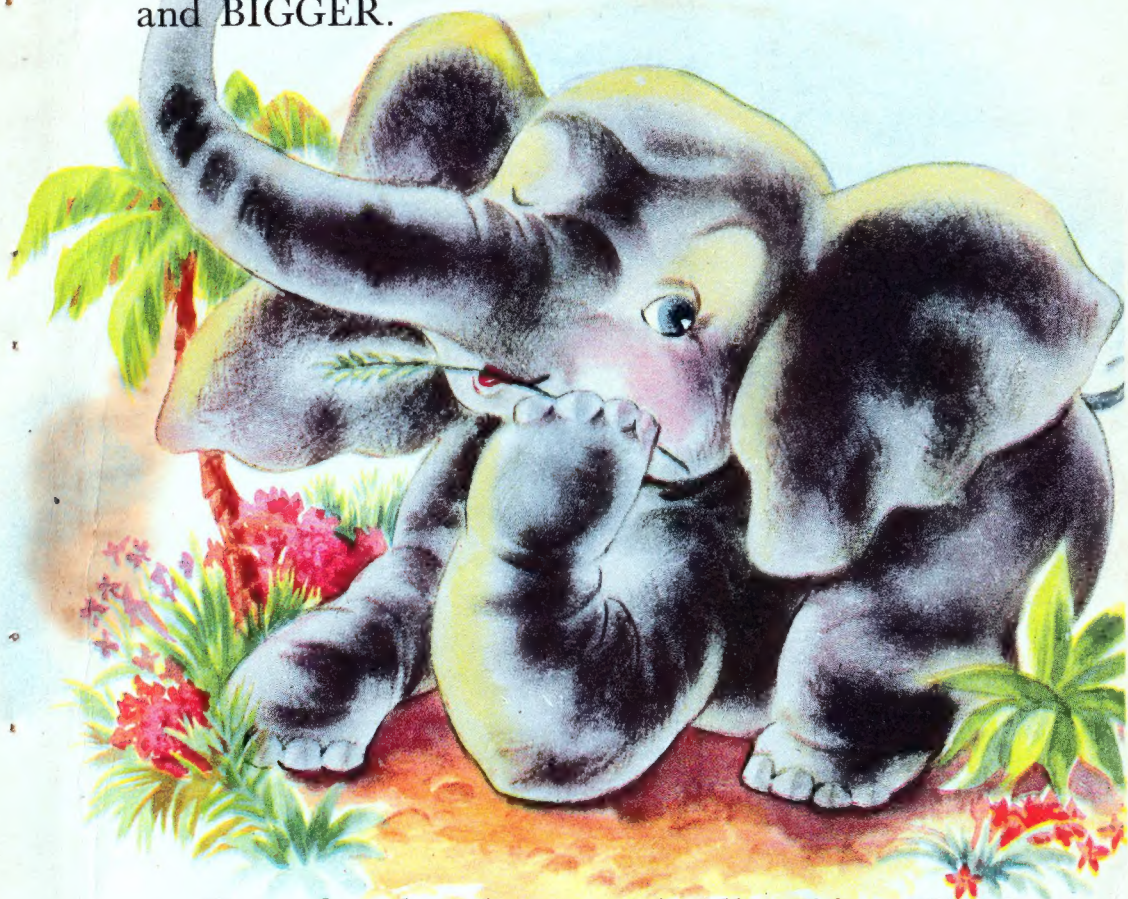
There was one little elephant who just stood on the river bank under a tree, and watched the others. He **WOULD NOT** take showers and baths as the others did **NO!** **NO!** . . . He just stood and stared. He said they looked silly and that, anyway, it was too much work to play like that.

Every day the other elephants would call to him, “**YOO HOO** Are you coming in bathing today?”

But he always said, “No, I am too tired. I’ll just wait until someone gives me a bath.”

They **HAD** to laugh when he said **THAT!**

Cf course he became dirtier and dirtier
Nevertheless, as time went by, he grew **BIGGER**
and **BIGGER**.



Day after day they would call to him, “YOO
HOO are you coming in bathing **TODAY?**”
But his answer was always the same, “No, thank
you, not today.”



Well, many months passed, but still he did not go into the water. One day it was very EXTRA hot. He stood under a tree and fanned himself with a large palm leaf, but it made him no cooler. The other elephants looked so cool in the river, but OH! HOW HOT HE WAS! . . . AND . . . GUESS WHAT! He suddenly wanted a bath! YES, HE DID



He thought how nice the cool water would feel on his HOT HOTback.



Now, this very afternoon,
an explorer (who was badly sunburned) arrived
from a country far away, and saw the elephant
who wanted a bath.

The man said, "You are the largest ele-
phant I have ever seen You are simply
HUGE I am AMAZED

“**H**ow would you like to become the most **STUPENDOUS, SUPER-SUPER, COLOSSAL** elephant in any circus in the world . . . and be a ★ ★ ★ ★ **SUCCESS**? You could be if you would allow me to be in charge of your education.”

The elephant was rather puzzled by all this talk, and not at all sure of being a ★ ★ ★ ★ **SUCCESS**. He shook his head and said, “No, thank you, I am much too **HOT** to think about anything.”

And he just stood still and felt hot.



The explorer thought for a moment, and then asked, "How would you like me to give you a nice cool bath in a tub?"

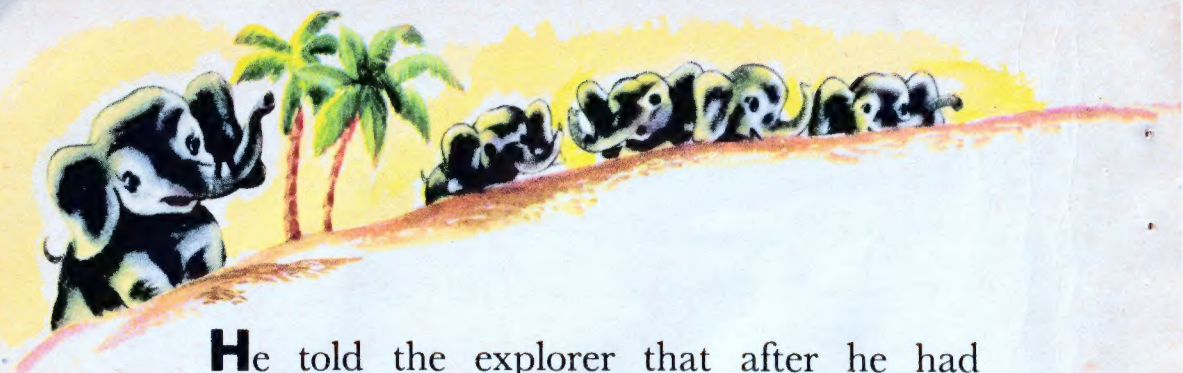
This time the elephant stared at HIM!

He said, "Did you say a BATH? DID YOU SAY IN A TUB? IN A TUB?"



"Yes," said the man, "and it is a RED TUB, too."

"OH, this is really what I have always wanted. This is what I have been waiting for all of my life," said the elephant, "to have someone GIVE me a bath!"



He told the explorer that after he had HAD his bath-in-the-red-tub, he would be glad to become the most **STUPENDOUS, SUPER-SUPER, COLOSSAL** elephant in any circus in the world, and to become a

★ ★ ★ ★ SUCCESS.

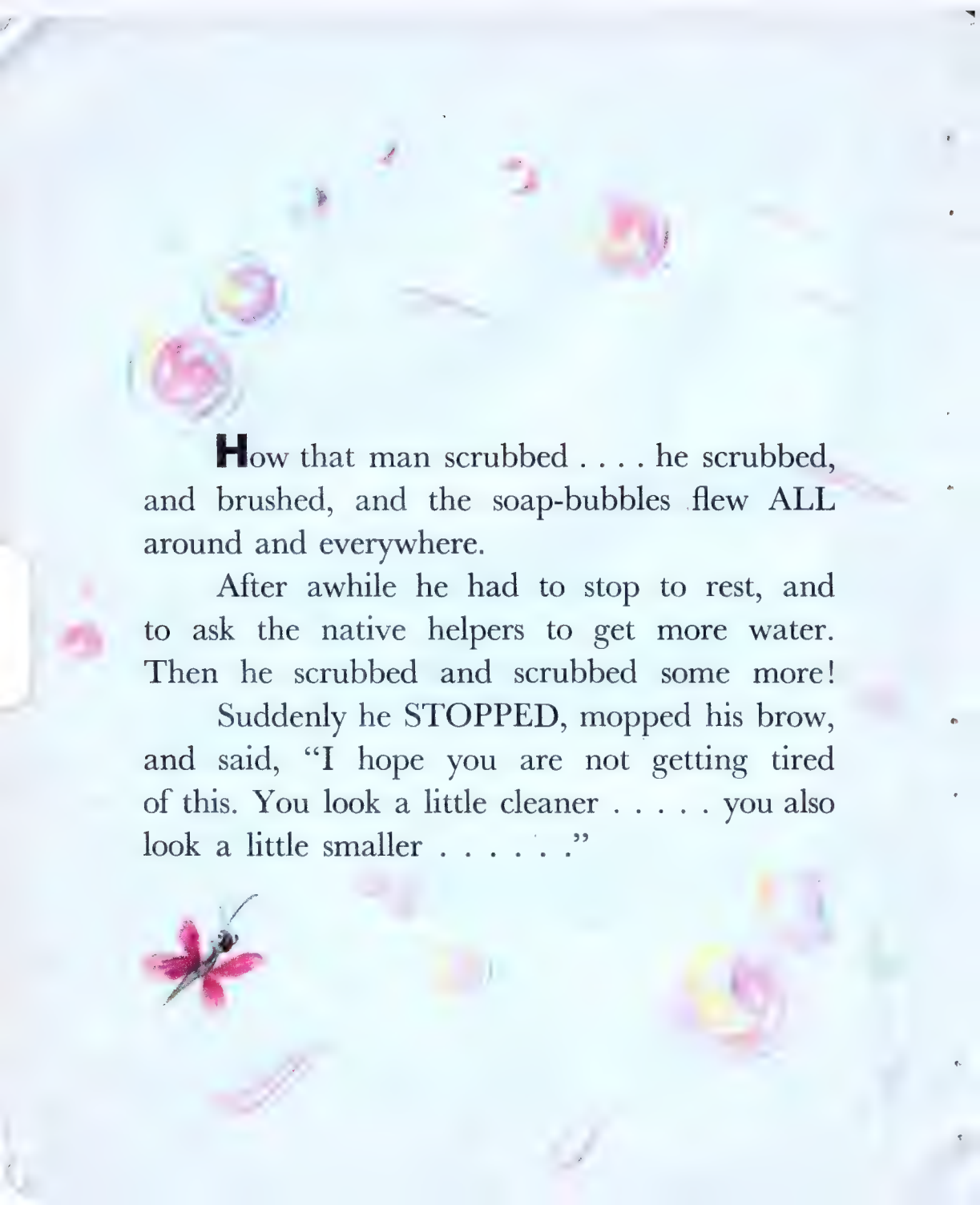
They walked through the forest and over a hill, and SURE ENOUGH, just as the man had said THERE WAS THE BIG RED TUB

And there were boxes of brushes and bars of soap, all ready to be used. There were many native helpers with many buckets of water. Everything was ready for the elephant's first BATH.

The other elephants DID NOT LAUGH.







How that man scrubbed he scrubbed, and brushed, and the soap-bubbles flew ALL around and everywhere.

After awhile he had to stop to rest, and to ask the native helpers to get more water. Then he scrubbed and scrubbed some more!

Suddenly he STOPPED, mopped his brow, and said, "I hope you are not getting tired of this. You look a little cleaner you also look a little smaller"

But the elephant had soap-bubbles in his ears and did not hear him. The explorer then shouted, "YOU LOOK VERY NICE BUT YOU SEEM TO BE SHRINKING" And he WAS smaller!

They both looked very surprised

The more the man scrubbed, the smaller the elephant became!

Finally, the man laid down his brushes and said, "YOU LOOK MUCH CLEANER, AND YOU LOOK MUCH COOLER . . . BUT . . . YOU ARE DEFINITELY MUCH SMALLER. THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT IT NOW. WHEN DID YOU HAVE YOUR LAST BATH?"



When the elephant answered, "This is my first, **FIRST** bath, but I hope it is not my **LAST** one," the explorer nearly fell off the ladder. But he didn't.



Then the explorer asked, "Shall I keep on scrubbing?" And the elephant said, "Yes, please do."

TWO days later, the man said, "Well, I am most disappointed . . . I am very tired of scrubbing, besides it is useless you have shrunk so **MUCH** that you could never be a **SUCCESS**. As the most **STUPENDOUS, SUPER-SUPER, COLOSSAL** elephant in any circus in the world you are **IMPOSSIBLE** . . ."

And he **WAS** Anyone could **SEE** that he was

The tired explorer went back to the river where the other elephants were bathing, and he called to one of the very large ones, "How many baths have **YOU** had?"

And this elephant answered, "One every morning and one every afternoon of my life."

That answer satisfied the explorer, and this elephant decided to go away with him to become a ★ ★ ★ ★ **SUCCESS** in a circus. So, they said **GOOD-BYE** and went away.

The little scrubbed elephant stood and watched them leave. Then he ran away alone. He cried a little, and thought a lot.

The next day he came back and stood on the river bank. As usual, the others called to him, "YOO HOO, are you coming in bathing today?"

And **THIS** day he said, "YES, YES, I AM and here I come." **SPLASH** in he dived!

Never had the others seen such bathing! How he enjoyed it, he splashed, and showered, and had a **WONDERFUL** time. He just could not stop. It was **MUCH** better than the bath in the red tub.

All of the others finally left and went away to eat their dinners, but not the little elephant He would not leave the lovely, cool river.

The next morning when the herd of elephants came down to the river for their baths, there was the little one standing in the

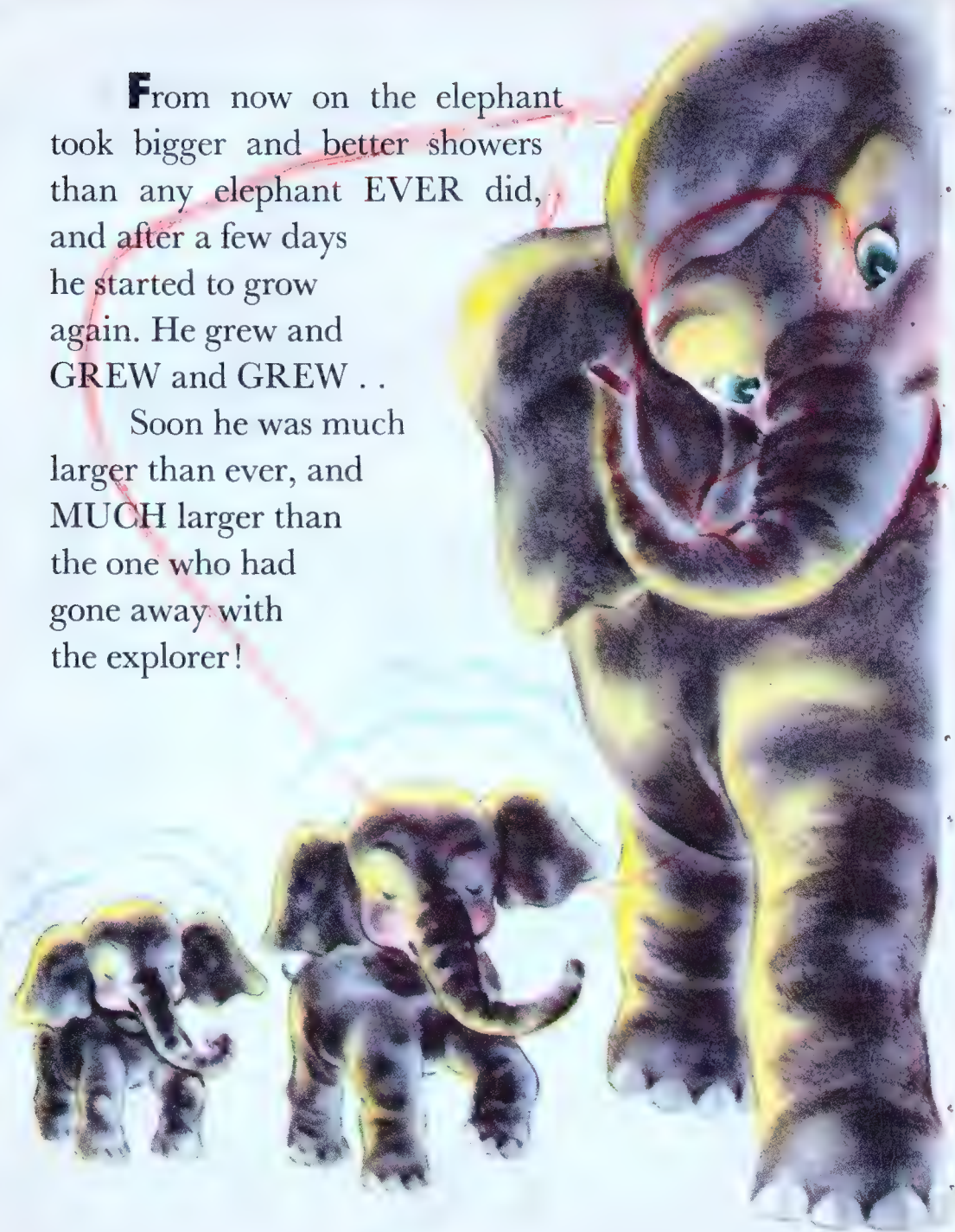
water, alone. THIS TIME he called to THEM
..... “YOOO HOOOO, are you coming
in bathing today?”

And they all laughed and laughed together.



From now on the elephant took bigger and better showers than any elephant **EVER** did, and after a few days he started to grow again. He grew and **GREW** and **GREW** . .

Soon he was much larger than ever, and **MUCH** larger than the one who had gone away with the explorer!



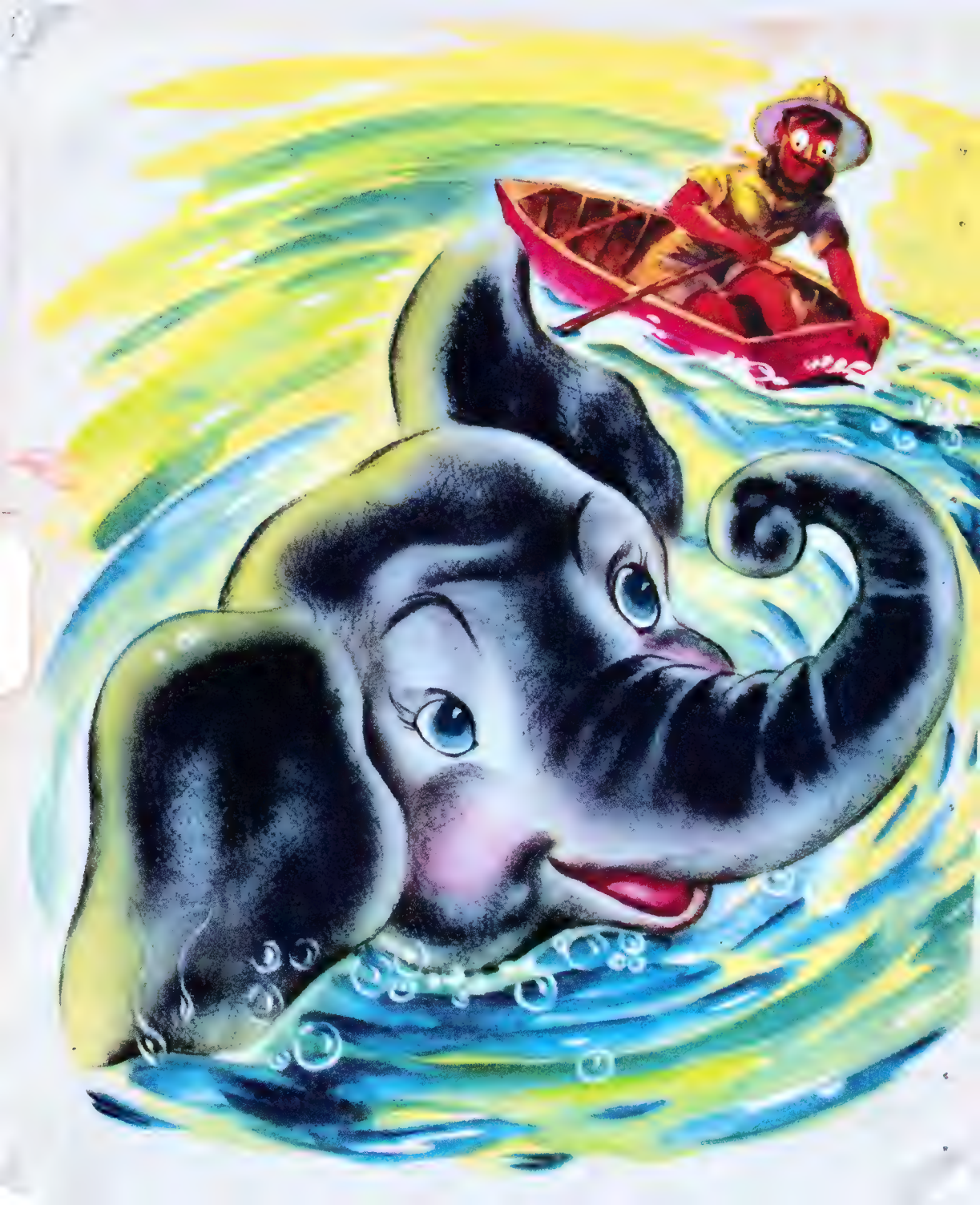


Some time later, a strange thing happened.
THE SAME EXPLORER CAME BACK
TO THE RIVER TO CHOOSE ANOTHER
ELEPHANT.

Again he stood on the river bank and stared
and STARED.

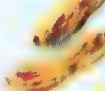
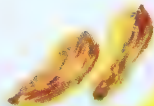
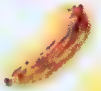
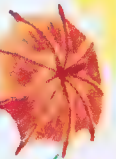
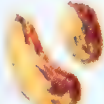
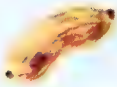
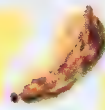
There was the most IMMENSE elephant
he had ever seen, standing in the very deepest
water, taking the wettest bath that had ever
been taken OH ... WHAT A BEAUTIFUL
CIRCUS ELEPHANT HE WOULD BE.





The explorer got into his boat and rowed out to him. He rowed all around him and then anchored the boat, and said, "Pardon me for asking, but have you ever considered being an educated elephant meaning one who learns to perform all kinds of acts in a circus?"

"You could wear beautiful velvet blankets and gold belts; you could have baths and pedicures, and eat only the very choicest of foods. You would be a sensation, **THE MOST STUPENDOUS, SUPER-SUPER, COLOSSAL** elephant of the whole world. Your name would be in electric lights, flashing over the entrance to the circus. I can guarantee that you would have **NO LESS THAN** 5,000,000 peanuts a year I could teach you to play a xylophone and to dance to beautiful music, to walk on a tight-rope, and to play a horn.



“**Y**ou would, without any doubt, become a **FAMOUS PERSONALITY** Tell me, have you decided to come with me?”

This was a very long speech and there was so much to think about, that the elephant closed his eyes and thought.

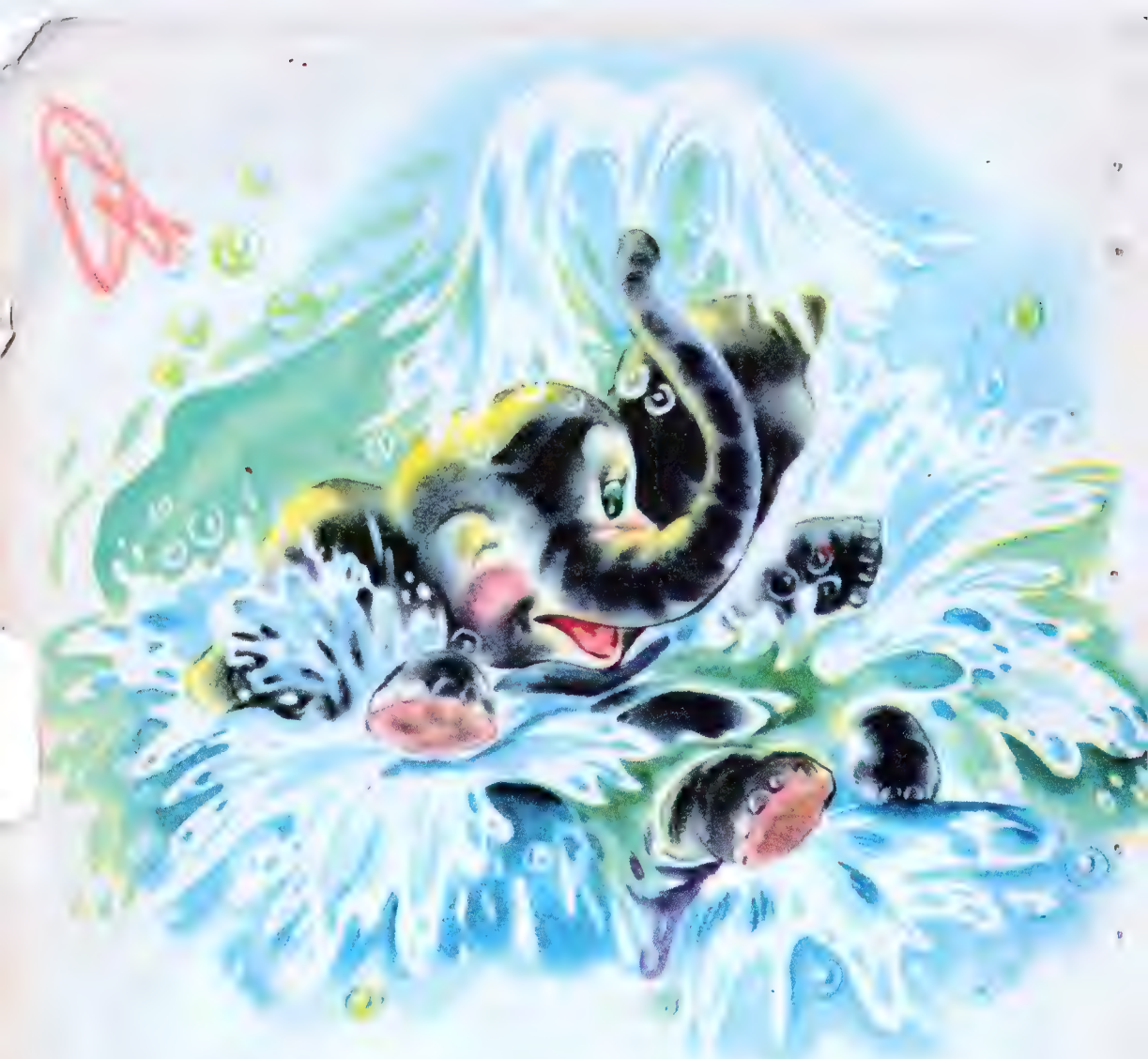




Presently he shook his head slowly and said, “ONCE I did consider such a career, but that was before I learned to love the river I am MUCH TOO HAPPY HERE.”

THEN the explorer realized that this huge elephant must be the one he had scrubbed in the BIG RED TUB
HOW HE HAD GROWN!





Once again he asked, “Are you very sure you would not like to be a ★ ★ ★ ★ SUCCESS? I even think that you might become a ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ SUCCESS”

The elephant said, "Yes, thank you, I am quite sure. I am grateful to you for having given me my first bath in a RED TUB, and for your kind offer. But, OH, I must say NO!

"I am so happy here with my friends, in the lovely river, that I could never, never leave. I can not go."

And he did not go

He just splashed and splashed and splashed and splashed.



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